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above 2008. Harvested area is expected to total 32,000 acres, up 2 percent from last year.

Onions for Fresh Market 2008-2009 Crops

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2008	for 2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Spring.....	28,400	27,000	338	349	9,603	9,428
Summer:						
Non-Storage	19,400	17,700	533	599	10,344	10,608
Storage						
CA 1/.....	31,300	32,000	425	435	13,303	13,920
CO	7,500	5,500	380	470	2,850	2,585
ID	8,600	8,800	720	740	6,192	6,512
MI	3,600	3,900	280	330	1,008	1,287
NY.....	10,100	9,700	410	380	4,141	3,686
OR-Malheur.....	12,200	12,000	710	720	8,662	8,640
OR-Other	9,600	9,600	620	700	5,952	6,720
WA.....	20,000	19,000	600	630	12,000	11,970
WI	1,100	2,000	300	500	330	1,000
Oth Sts 2/	1,690	1,910	497	445	840	849
Total.....	105,690	104,410	523	548	55,278	57,169
Summer.....	125,090	122,110	525	555	65,622	67,777
U.S.	153,490	149,110	490	518	75,225	77,205

1/ Primarily for dehydrated and other processing.

2/ OH and UT.

**CHICKENS AND EGGS
September 2009**

Colorado laying flocks produced 86 million eggs during September 2009 down 7 percent from the previous month of 92 million eggs and down 2 million from September 2008. The average number of layers for the month, at 3.57 million, was 2 percent below the 3.64 million the previous month and was 2 percent below the 3.66 million layers for September 2008. The rate of lay for September 2009, at 2,406 eggs per 100 layers, was 5 percent below the 2,524 for the previous month but slightly above the 2,400 in September a year earlier.

United States egg production totaled 7.37 billion during September 2009, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.34 billion table eggs, and 1.03 billion hatching eggs, of which 961 million were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2009 averaged 334 million, down slightly from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,209 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2008.

All layers in the United States on October 1, 2009 totaled 335 million, up slightly from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.88 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2009, averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from October 1, 2008.

ONIONS

Colorado growers now expect to produce 2.58 million cwt of summer storage onions this year, down 9 percent from the 2.85 million cwt produced in 2008. This year's harvested area of 5,500 acres is down 29 percent from 7,700 acres harvested last year. The 2009 crop average yield per acre is forecast at 470 cwt, down 90 cwt from last year's crop.

Summer storage onion production for the United States is forecast at 57.2 million hundredweight (cwt), up 3 percent from last year. Storage onion harvested area is forecast at 104,410 acres, down 1 percent from 2008. California production, at 13.9 million hundredweight, is 5 percent

**CROP PRODUCTION
OCTOBER 1, 2009**

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado's corn for grain production is forecast at 133.0 million bushels, down 10 percent from last year's crop of 147.96 million bushels and down 4 percent from the September 1 forecast. Average yield is now forecast at 140.0 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from last year and up 2.0 bushels from last month. Areas planted and intended for grain were also revised down 50,000 acres from September 1 to 1.10 million and 950,000 acres, respectively, based on Farm Service Agency (FSA) administrative information. Sorghum for grain production for 2009 is expected to total 3.85 million bushels, down 14 percent from the September 1 forecast and from last year's crop. Average yield, at 35.0 bushels per acre, is up 3.0 bushels from the September 1 forecast and 5.0 bushels above last year's results. The area expected to be harvested for grain is down 30,000 acres from the September forecast at 140,000 acres. Sugarbeet production is forecast at 970,000 tons, equal to September's forecast and up 28

percent from the previous year. Yields are expected to average 27.7 tons per acre compared with 26.5 tons per acre last year. The area for harvest is expected to total 35,000 acres, up from 28,600 acres harvested last year. The initial forecast of all sunflower production was placed at 113.0 million pounds, down 26 percent from the 2008 crop of 153.4 million pounds. The average expected yield of 1,361 pounds per acre is 414 pounds above last year. Estimated harvested acreage, at 83,000 acres, is down 49 percent from 162,000 acres harvested a year ago. Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 3.11 million tons, up 15 percent from last year. All other hay production is forecast at 1.67 million tons, up 31 percent from last year's production. Expected dry bean production, at 858,000 hundredweight, is up 30 percent from last year. The average expected yield of 1,650 pounds per acre is 150 pounds above the 2008 yield. Area planted was increased 7,000 acres from the June 1 forecast to 57,000 acres based on administrative information and area for harvest is now expected to total 52,000 acres, 8,000 acres above last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn production is forecast at 13.0 billion bushels, up slightly from last month and 8 percent higher than 2008. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 164.2 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from September and 10.3 bushels above last year. If realized, this yield will be the highest on record and total production will be second only to the record set in 2007. Yield forecasts remained unchanged or increased from last month across the Corn Belt, Great Plains, and Ohio Valley where warm, dry weather during much of September helped push the late-developing corn crop towards maturity. Light frost was reported in parts of the northern tier of the Great Plains and Corn Belt in late September. However, temperatures were not considered low enough to terminate crop growth. Based on administrative information, acreage updates were made in several States and farmers now expect to harvest 79.3 million acres for grain, down 1 percent from the September forecast but 1 percent above 2008.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.25 billion bushels, up slightly from the September forecast and up 10 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 42.4 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from last month and up 2.7 bushels from 2008. If realized, this will be the third highest yield on record. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher or unchanged in all States except Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, and New York. The largest decrease in yield from the September forecast is expected in Mississippi where persistent rain during the last two weeks of the month increased the potential impact of disease. Increases of 2 bushels are expected in Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Virginia. If realized, the forecasted yield in Alabama, Georgia, and Nebraska will be a record high and the

forecasted yield in Arkansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania will tie the previous record high. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 76.6 million acres, down slightly from the previous estimate but up 3 percent from 2008.

Sorghum production is forecast at 364 million bushels, down 7 percent from last month and down 23 percent from last year. Based on administrative information, acreage changes were made in several States. Planted area is 6.62 million acres, down 5 percent from the previous forecast and down 20 percent from 2008. All of the major producing sorghum States are at or below last year's levels. This is the third lowest planted acreage on record. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 5.68 million acres, down 5 percent from last month and down 22 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 64.0 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from September and down 1.0 bushel from last year.

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The first sunflower production forecast for 2009 is 2.98 billion pounds, down 13 percent from 2008 but up 4 percent from 2007. Area planted, at 2.03 million acres, is down 3 percent from the June estimate and down 19 percent from last year. Sunflower growers expect to harvest 1.94 million acres, down 3 percent from June and down 19 percent from the 2008 acreage. The October yield forecast, at 1,538 pounds per acre, is 109 pounds higher than last year. As of October 1, higher yields are expected in five of the top seven sunflower-producing States, with only Nebraska and Texas farmers expecting lower yields compared with last year. In North Dakota, the largest sunflower-producing State, the yield is forecast at 1,557 pounds per acre, up 158 pounds from the 2008 yield.

Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures production of dry hay is forecast at 72.0 million tons, down 1.4 percent from the August forecast but up 3.4 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.43 tons per acre, down 0.05 ton from August but up 0.11 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 21.0 million acres, unchanged from August but up slightly from the previous year's acreage. Other Hay production is forecast at 80.8 million tons, up 2 percent from the August forecast and up 6 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.06 tons per acre, up 0.05 ton from August and up 0.11 ton from last year. This forecast matches 2004 as the record high yield. Harvested area, at 39.2 million acres, is unchanged from the August forecast but up 113,000 acres from 2008.

Acres, yield, and production, Colorado and United States, 2008-2009

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Unit	Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres			Units per acre		1,000 units	
Colorado:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	1,250	1,100	1,080	950	Bu.	137.0	140.0	147,960	133,000
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	230	170	150	110	Bu.	30.0	35.0	4,500	3,850
All Wheat	2,190	2,630	1,936	2,479	Bu.	30.8	40.6	59,700	100,610
Winter Wheat	2,150	2,600	1,900	2,450	Bu.	30.0	40.0	57,000	98,000
Spring Wheat.....	40	30	36	29	Bu.	75.0	90.0	2,700	2,610
Oats	45	60	7	9	Bu.	70.0	65.0	490	585
Barley.....	80	78	72	77	Bu.	120.0	135.0	8,640	10,395
Proso Millet.....	270	200	230	4/	Bu.	33.0	4/	7,590	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	1,570	1,600	Tons	2.54	3.0	3,981	4,780
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	820	840	Tons	3.3	3.7	2,706	3,108
Other Hay .....	...	...	750	760	Tons	1.7	2.2	1,275	1,672
Sugarbeets	33.8	36.3	28.6	35.0	Tons	26.5	27.7	758	970
Dry edible beans.....	48	57	44	52	Cwt.	1,500	1,650	660	858
Sunflowers, All	194	91	162	83	Lbs.	947.0	1,361	153,400	113,000
Sunflowers, Oil	170	70	143	64	Lbs.	900	4/	128,700	4/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	24	21	19	19	Lbs.	1,300	4/	24,700	4/
All potatoes	61.6	60.0	61.3	59.7	Cwt.	374.0	5/	23,532	5/
Summer potatoes	4.6	4.0	4.4	3.9	Cwt.	370.0	400.0	1,628	1,560
Fall potatoes	57.0	56.0	56.9	55.8	Cwt.	385.0	5/	21,907	5/
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	18,000	16,000
Peaches.....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	14	13
United States:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	85,982	87,035	78,640	79,294	Bu.	153.9	164.2	12,101,238	13,018,058
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	8,284	6,940	7,271	5,681	Bu.	65.0	64.0	472,342	363,723
All Wheat <u>2/</u>	63,193	59,133	55,699	50,058	Bu.	44.9	44.4	2,499,164	2,220,156
Winter Wheat	46,307	43,311	39,608	34,485	Bu.	47.1	44.2	1,867,333	1,522,718
Spring Wheat.....	14,165	13,268	13,517	13,055	Bu.	40.5	45.0	548,004	587,361
Oats	3,247	3,404	1,400	1,379	Bu.	63.7	67.6	89,135	93,276
Barley.....	4,246	3,567	3,779	3,123	Bu.	63.6	72.8	240,193	227,383
Rye	1,260	1,241	269	252	Bu.	29.7	27.8	7,979	6,993
Proso Millet.....	520	405	460	4/	Bu.	32.3	4/	14,880	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	60,062	60,177	Tons	2.43	2.52	145,672	152,729
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	20,980	20,982	Tons	3.32	3.43	69,620	71,977
Other Hay .....	...	...	39,082	39,195	Tons	1.95	2.06	76,052	80,752
Sugarbeets	1,090.8	1,118.5	1,004.6	1,158.5	Tons	26.7	26.8	26,837	30,993
Dry edible beans.....	1,495.0	1,532.6	1,445.2	1,435.0	Cwt.	1,768	1,754	25,558	25,170
Sunflowers, All	2,516.5	2,098.0	2,396.0	1,939.0	Lbs.	1,429	1,538	3,422,840	2,981,670
Sunflowers, Oil	2,163.0	1,784.0	2,062.0	1,624.0	Lbs.	1,452	4/	2,993,510	4/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	353.5	314.0	334.0	315.0	Lbs.	1,285	4/	429,330	4/
All potatoes <u>3/</u>	1,059.6	1,061.4	1,046.9	1,047.6	Cwt.	396	5/	415,055	5/
Summer potatoes	47.2	43.9	45.1	42.5	Cwt.	306	346	13,805	14,705
Fall potatoes	931.1	932.9	922.0	922.7	Cwt.	411	5/	378,588	5/
Soybeans	75,718	77,723	74,681	76,619	Bu.	39.7	42.4	2,967,007	3,250,113
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	9,769,300	10,016,000
Peaches.....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	1,133.3	1,078.3
Pears.....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	870.9	935.3

1/ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain. 2/ Includes Durum Wheat. 3/ Includes Winter and Spring Crops. 4/ Jan. 2010.

5/ November 10, 2009.

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Dry edible bean production is forecast at 25.2 million cwt for 2009, up 3 percent from the August forecast but 2 percent below 2008. Planted area is forecast at 1.53 million acres, up 3 percent from the August forecast and the previous year's estimate. Harvested area is forecast at 1.44 million acres, 3 percent above the August forecast but 1 percent below the previous year's harvested acreage. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,754 pounds per acre, an increase of 4 pounds from August's forecast but 14 pounds below the 2008 yield. Production is expected to be higher than 2008 in 11 of the 18 producing States.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 30.1 million tons, 1 percent below the September 1 forecast but up 15 percent from last year. Production forecasts remained unchanged from September in all estimating States except Minnesota and North Dakota where slight decreases in expected yield led to decreased production. Growers expect to harvest 1.16 million acres, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but 15 percent above last year. Expected yield is forecast at a record high 26.8 tons per acre, down 0.2 ton from September but up 0.1 ton from 2008. Record high yields are also forecast in Colorado, Montana, Oregon, and Wyoming.

UPCOMING REPORTS

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